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1. The political carraign in Colombia being waged by congressional candidates of both the Conservative and Liberal parties has increased in violence despite efforts by both parties to curb the militant activities of their more radical members. Wholesale murders of members of each party are still taking place, and the extremist newspapers continue to incite their respective followers.*

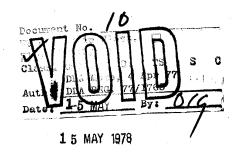
- 2. President Mariano Ospina Perez has issued a warning that should the party directorates fail to suppress the unlawful activities of their members, martial law and the postponement of the June elections will be seriously considered. The directorates feel it is the duty of the povernment to take sufficient measures to control the political activity, while the government considers it to be the duty of the directorates to exercise this control.
- 3. Feaders of both parties have been meeting with the Minister of Government, Darlo Echandia, and the President to seek a solution to their problem.

 Although they have announced that an accord has been reached, political violence and irresponsible newspaper diatribes have not ceased.

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